

CALL MERGER
A BENEFIT

Special Report on Boston & Maine Transfer

TON, Y. N. H. & H. RAILROAD

Massachusetts Legislature This Afternoon Heard Report of Bare Majority of the Commission Appointed to Investigate Proposed Change.

Boston, March 18.—By a bare majority of one, the special commission on commerce and industry, appointed last July, approves the so-called merger of the Boston and Maine with the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. In its report submitted to the Massachusetts legislature this afternoon three members of the commission agree that with certain well-defined restrictions, the consolidation would benefit the commonwealth, the traveling public and the railroads.

The commission, which was appointed to conduct an investigation as broad as its name implies, also reported more briefly on the acquisition by the New Haven company of 16 Massachusetts street railways, on the laws regulating the issue of stock of public service corporations, and on the lease of the Boston and Albany railroad to the New York Central.

Whether or not the New Haven road has violated the Massachusetts statutes in acquiring stock in the street railways, the commission says, is a question of law now before the court. For the purpose of holding together these 16 street railways, at least until it appears desirable to dismember the combination, the commission recommends that the New Haven be required as a condition of acquiring control of the Boston and Maine to transfer its shares of Massachusetts railway companies to a new corporation to be formed for the purpose, the shares of the new corporation to be issued upon an equitable basis, in exchange for the shares transferred.

The commission believes that New England needs to count for more in the railroad scheme of the country and the way to accomplish this is to add to her importance by uniting her interests. If traffic of southern and northern New England were united, it would make a volume of business which could command from trunk lines a degree of consideration not hitherto secured.

The commission is greatly impressed with the importance of Canadian business to Massachusetts and believes that if properly encouraged, the relations with the Canadian railroads should become of immeasurable value.

In the docks and terminal facilities of Boston, the New Haven road has a great advantage over the B. and A. and the N. H. & H. The commission believes, however, that in dealing with this question the state should insist that the Boston and Albany be given free access to docking territory and that ignoring rival interests should treat the railroads as trustees or agents of the public and require them to act jointly with a paramount view to the public welfare.

The legal question as to the right of the New Haven road to have made the original purchase of the Boston and Maine stock the commission does not consider as material. It is open to the legislature to either ratify or disapprove the original purchase and on course or the other must be taken. If the decision is to disapprove, the commission asks what shall be done with the stock held by the New Haven road. The state would not hold it and to sell it at public auction would endanger the stockholders. Some connecting road would then step in and buy it. If for the New Haven to dispose of it would be for the state to abandon control. "It would go to some railroad, and no railroad, other than the New Haven, has such a preponderant interest in New England."

ENDED HIS LIFE
WITH A BULLET

George R. Richardson of Lowell, Mass., Member of One of the Most Prominent Families.

Lowell, Mass., March 18.—George R. Richardson, 4 years old, a member of one of the most prominent families in the city, shot and killed himself today at his home. He was a well-known club man and a member of the law firm of Richardson, Trull and Wiley. He had recently recovered from a severe illness and was troubled with insomnia.

ANTICIPATE TROUBLE
IN BERLIN TODAY

Troops Are Swarming All Over The City to Quell Disturbances That May Arise From Socialist Meetings.

Berlin, March 18.—Troops are swarming in Berlin today in anticipation of outbreaks incident to the 24 meetings convened by the Socialists in the city and suburbs in celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Berlin revolution. Though the employers have generally warned their men that early cessation of work would be followed by a lockout until March 22, few employees remained at their posts after 3 p. m. Revolutionary speeches and fierce attacks on the Kaiser, government and society have already begun. The gatherings will continue until late tonight.

Among arrivals at the City hotel today are Edward H. Kemmerer, Boston; A. W. Dutton, Massena, N. Y.; R. G. Fuller, Williamstown.

ONLY ONE BLOW
TO SETTLE ROCHE

Tommy Burns Had the Easiest Time of His Ring Career at Dublin Last Night.

Dublin, March 18.—Tommy Burns, the American heavyweight champion, made short work of Jim Roche, the Irish champion, in their contest last evening at the Theatre Royal for the world's heavyweight championship. Practically one blow was struck, Burns knocking Roche out when hardly more than a minute of the first round had been completed, by a short hook to the jaw. So quickly did the end come that the great crowd which filled the theatre, in the expectation of seeing the Irishman put up a good fight for the title, hardly realized what had happened.

When the men entered the ring, it was evident that the sluggish Roche was no match for the more experienced Burns. They sparred for less than a minute, the Irishman acting altogether on the defensive, and the American endeavoring to find an opening.

Immediately after the count, Roche got to his feet, but staggered about the stage. When he had recovered himself, he went over and smilingly congratulated the winner.

The fight last night was for a purse of \$7,500, which was put up by a syndicate, of which Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader, was a member, and a side bet of \$2,500. In addition Burns got \$7,000 on his own account at odds of 3 to 1. The ringside betting was 7 to 2 in favor of the American.

The blow which decided the fight was the only one of any consequence during the minute and thirty-eight seconds the men were in the ring. The crowd which shortly before had cheered Roche to the echo and greeted him with cries of "Wexford" were so taken back that after a few angry hisses they went quickly out of the theatre. Burns said of the fight that it was the easiest he had ever had. He went in, he added, to make it as short as possible, as he had so much money at stake at long odds to take any chances. He had expected, however, that the fight would go a few rounds, although he was never in doubt as to the final result.

Burns stated that he was willing to give Roche another chance, if sufficient inducements were forthcoming. He is now considering the offer provisionally made by the Dublin syndicate for a match with "Bill" Squires under the same terms as that with Roche.

On the stroke of the ring, Burns jumped to the center of the ring, which was an 18-foot affair, and started his usual tactics of trying to draw out his opponent. This seemed to annoy Roche, who angrily struck down Burns' arm and then covered his face with both gloves to protect it from a threatened blow. Burns, however, was looking for a better chance, and a moment later he feinted with his left and shot his right over the latter's shoulder, as he was expected. The Irishman went to the floor, but not heavily. He slid along on his side and then rolled over, face downward. Very few of the spectators, even those on the stage, were quick enough to see what was done, and there were cries of "Take."

AMATEUR BOXER KILLED.

Struck a Severe Blow Over The Heart—Several Attempts Made.

Philadelphia, March 18.—In an amateur boxing tournament following the regular performance at the Bijou theatre here last night Willie Robinson aged 19 years, was killed while boxing with Charles Wolf of the same age. Robinson and Wolfe, who were friends, had been in the ring but 25 seconds when the latter struck Robinson a severe blow over the heart. Robinson collapsed and became unconscious. He died in the police patrol wagon on the way to a hospital. Fred Douglass, the referee, under whose management the tournaments are held, together with Joseph Moore, his second, and Marcus Williams, second for Robinson, were arrested, given an immediate hearing and held for the coroner.

Hart Won on a Foul.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 18.—Before a large crowd yesterday afternoon Marvin Hart of Louisville was awarded the decision in the fourth round over John Wolfe of Chicago on a foul. The men had agreed to break clean, immediately following a clinch and as Hart was stepping back unprotected, Wolfe swung a hard right to the ear, sending Hart sprawling. Hart was unable to respond and his ear may be seriously injured.

FATALLY WOUNDED
IN DUEL TODAY

Lieut. General Smirnov Hurt in Pistol Fight With Lieut. General Fock in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—In a duel fought here today, Lieut. General S. Smirnov was probably fatally wounded by Lieut. General Fock. The men fought in a riding school, with pistols and standing but a few paces apart. The duel was caused by a memorandum written by Smirnov on the siege of Port Arthur, in which he questions the courage of General Fock. The latter charged another holding that his honor was involved.

ENGLAND'S PREMIER
ON HIS DEATH BED

Physicians Remained With Him All Night—It Is Believed That He Cannot Live More Than a Few Weeks.

London, March 18.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the English premier, continues sinking. Physicians remained with him all night. It is believed his death is a question of weeks at the most.

THREE SEAMEN
WERE LOST

From Fishing Schooners Which Returned Today

TWO GLOUCESTER MEN

They Started Out to Search for a Fourth and Never Showed Up Again, Although the Latter Returned.

Gloucester, Mass., March 18.—The loss of three members of its crew was reported today by the schooner Florence E. Stream, which came in from a trip off New Foundland. John Lawson and Paul Williams of Gloucester and Alexander of Nova Scotia were lost two weeks ago while out in a dory hunting for another member of the crew who was missing. The latter returned safely but the searchers failed to show up. It is possible that they may have been picked up by another schooner.

Manchester, Mass., March 18.—One of those thrilling tales of the sea such as few men live to tell is related by two Gloucester men, Antoine Silver and Manuel Miguel, who arrived home last night after a terrible experience in an open boat and for more than 24 hours waging a battle against death.

A heavy northwest wind which blew them in their open boat 30 miles out to sea, tossed about by heavy waves with boat disabled and no means of propulsion but a single oar, and unprotected from the wintry elements, no wonder they lost hope of ever seeing home again and but by the narrowest chance as darkness was falling they were discovered by a Gloucester fisherman and landed safely in port.

SENATOR W. P. WHITE
DIED LAST NIGHT

Maryland Man, Successor to Late Arthur P. Gorman, Was Taken Ill Last Thursday.

Baltimore, Md., March 18.—United States Senator William P. White, who died last night, was taken ill while in Washington last Thursday and returned here. Erysipelas developed and his condition became worse, although his physicians gave out encouraging statements until after noon yesterday. In the afternoon the senator suffered another sinking spell, but recovered gradually and was conscious until the final convulsion that ended in his death at 7:05 p. m. The end was peaceful.

Senator White, who was affectionately referred to and addressed as "Governor" by nearly everyone who knew him, had been in public life since 1847. He was born in Baltimore in 1824, the son of Joseph and grandson of Dr. John Campbell White. He was graduated at law at Harvard in 1845. His political career may be said to have begun with his election to the House of Representatives in 1847. He was elected to the Senate in 1853, and served in that capacity in 1857 and 1858. In 1860 he became city solicitor.

He was governor of Maryland 1871-74, and in the following year was elected United States senator. He became mayor of Baltimore in 1881 and attorney general of Maryland in 1883. He was chairman of the commission which framed the new charter of this city, serving in that capacity in 1897 and 1898. In 1900 he became city solicitor.

The then governor, Edwin Warfield, appointed him United States senator in 1906 to fill until the meeting of the present legislature, the unexpired term of the late Senator Arthur P. Gorman, and the current legislature elected him Senator Gorman's successor. He wrote the bill that resulted in the present organization of the District of Columbia. He was the last survivor of the senators who voted against the fifteenth amendment to the United States constitution.

The late senator was a man of most engaging personality and was devoted to his family. He was twice married, but died a bachelor. He was easily the leader of the Baltimore bar and was notably successful in criminal cases.

GOOD IMITATIONS.

Are Coins Which Are Being Foisted on Public in St. Albans.

St. Albans, March 18.—Bank officials here say that a systematic attempt is being made to flood the city with counterfeit city cent pieces of the dates of 1907, '03 and '06. The money is a very good imitation. There are also a few twenty-five cent pieces being circulated.

REDUCE WAGES.

Ten Per Cent. in Every Cotton Mill in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., March 18.—On April 6 wages will be reduced ten per cent. in every cotton mill in Rhode Island. Notice will be posted March 23. About 30,000 operatives will be affected.

Five Seines Now in Operation.

Albany Springs, March 18.—Since fishing began March first 50 barrels of cod fish have been shipped from East Albany to the Boston market and about the same amount of plaice into Canada where they bring a fancy price. Many fish have been sold on the ground to parties on both sides of the lake at ten cents a pound. At present only five seines are in operation on the border.

ATTORNEY IN JAIL
ON CONTEMPT CASE

Russell W. Taft of Burlington, Son of Former Judge of Supreme Court—Latest Development in Tangled Divorce

Burlington, March 19.—Attorney Russell W. Taft was arrested last evening by Sheriff Holmes of St. Albans on an execution issued by Franklin county court, Mr. Taft having been adjudged in contempt by that tribunal at the September term. He will be confined in jail until further order of the court.

This proceeding adds one more chapter to the many which have told from time to time of the domestic jars of the Tafts and of the long drawn out litigation arising from the petition for divorce brought by Mrs. Taft, formerly Miss Winona Brigham. After a sensational hearing in Chittenden county court, Mrs. Taft's petition was heard in Franklin county court and a bill was granted the custody of the minor child also being given to the petitioner. Mr. Taft contested every step and following the granting of the bill by Franklin county court carried the case to the supreme court. The supreme court affirmed the action of the county court in granting the divorce.

When the court granted Mrs. Taft a divorce, alimony amounting to \$16 a month was also ordered, together with money for certain costs. Mr. Taft has not paid any of these moneys so that alimony and costs to date amount to about \$400.

At the September term (1907) of Franklin county court he was adjudged in contempt but execution for his confinement in jail was not issued until within a few days. Mr. Taft appeared before the Franklin county court last fall and offering to give up all of his property, consisting of a house on Grant street, this of College street, he was granted a settlement with her.

Mrs. Taft's attorneys refused to accept this proposition unless Mr. Taft discontinued cases against F. C. and C. C. Gillette for slander, now pending in Chittenden county court and promise to bring a petition for a new trial of the divorce proceedings. The divorce was granted largely on the testimony of the Gillettes, who were employed by Mrs. Taft as detectives and, following the divorce hearing, Mr. Taft brought slander suits against them for repeating outside of court, statements made at the divorce hearing. Mr. Taft holding that these statements were false, a prosecution for perjury is now pending in Franklin county court against F. C. Gillette. Mr. Taft refused to comply with the proposition of his wife's attorneys and no settlement was made.

He claims that he has not paid the alimony because he was financially unable to do so, his legal business having suffered in consequence of the notoriety acquired in the divorce proceedings. In substantiation of his claim, he says that he came to Montpelier on February 28, 1907, and that he paid his taxes in Montpelier; moreover, doesn't relish enclosing Hardwick's exchequer besides. He had refused the latter's request for payment of the sum and yesterday Sheriff Y. W. Rand journeyed to Montpelier and started to collect. No go. Hence he invited Dave over to Sheriff Tracy's hotel. There Dave permitted himself to be placed in a cell and the key turned to him and freedom. Immediately thereafter he was taken to Sheriff Y. W. Rand, under protest and with the threat to sue the town of Hardwick for \$10,000. He was then released from the hotel.

CORINTH GOES "YES"
BY BIG MAJORITY

Belated Town Meeting Held Yesterday Swings Second Orange County Town Into the "Yes" Column.

The town of Corinth population a little less than a thousand and located in Orange county, and nineteen miles from Barre, voted yesterday to accept the proposed liquor license. This is the result of a belated election held yesterday. The usual town meeting was not held, as the warning was not posted in time. It was held yesterday, and the vote on the question of licensing liquor stores was 79 for and 58 against. No Corinth may have a licensed saloon. This makes two license towns in Orange county, the other being Brattleboro, on the other side of the county.

VANDALS AT WORK.
Broke Into Champlain Yacht Club House.

Burlington, March 18.—Officers of the Champlain yacht club discovered last evening that their magnificent clubhouse, located on College street, had been burglarized and made the headquarters of a gang of bums for several days. The house is somewhat isolated in the winter and thus not often visited by a shade slower. The receipts for the club members. It was found that the door had been broken by a heavy bar and that all doors and lockers were open and their contents strewn about the floor. Traces of food and a burning oil stove showed that the burglars had eaten and probably slept in the house. Many valuables were missing and broken, but the exact loss cannot yet be determined, as it is not known what the various members had in their lockers. It is supposed that the old club house was burned in a similar manner, and the police are working on clues that may land the offenders in prison.

GEN. LUCIA PRESENTED
A WATCH AND CHAIN

On The Occasion of His 68th Birthday, When 120 People Were Present to Help Him Celebrate.

General J. H. Lucia of Montpelier gave a supper to the members of Brooks Post, G. A. R., their associate members and to the members of Brooks Relief Corps last evening in the rooms of the organization, the occasion being his 68th birthday. The table was set for 120 people, and at each place was placed a card.

General Lucia was the recipient of three handsome birthday cakes made by ladies of the W. R. C. branch. That organization also presented him a bouquet of flowers. Col. Brown, in behalf of Brooks Post, presented him a watch and chain, on one side of which were his initials and on the other the Grand Army badge.

Speeches were made by the different companies and associate members, and a good time was enjoyed by all. The supper was one of the best. General Lucia having made no mistake in selecting Brooks W. R. C. to furnish the affair.

"YOUNG BLOOD"
ON THE JURY

To Try Fourth of July Celebration Case

COMING FROM PLAINFIELD

Defendant, John Ryan, Questions Right of Plaintiff to Stop Him from Ringing Bell in a Plainfield Church Edifice.

A jury was completed in Washington county court today in the case of the town of Plainfield vs. John Ryan, charged with breaking into the church and ringing the bell in celebration of the Glorious Fourth last summer. Most of the jurors are young men, that apparently having been the purpose of the defendant to get a young blood as possible in the jury box. The efforts used up all but eight of the panel of 30.

In refutation of the claim of the defendant that the town had no right to restrain him from ringing the bell, the plaintiff put Dr. D. B. Smith on the stand to testify that the town leased the church and therefore had the right to restrict the ringing. Selectman Cutler also went on the stand and said that while he ordered away the carpenter who was repairing the door broken on the eve of the Fourth, he was not persecuting Ryan. Dr. Gale, who had been attending the patient, whose condition was such as to cause the selection to issue the no-ringing order, testified as to the condition of the patient.

The town sued Ryan for breaking into the edifice, and the case was started yesterday.

In the case of Giuseppe Sanoia vs. Binna Sanoia, a petition to annul the marriage, a decree to nullify was granted. The case was heard yesterday.

DAVE SPICER "FLOORED"
BY TAX COLLECTOR

But He Claims It Was a Foul: Also Threatens to Sue Hardwick for \$10,000.

Dave Spicer, the man of many falls, is the man who has taken many a fall out of the other fellow—was floored temporarily yesterday when a Hardwick tax collector went to Montpelier and demanded \$338, tax and costs in the town of Hardwick, that "alleged town," Dave says. He says other things somewhat uncomplimentary to Caledonia county's granite center and also that he has not got through with the place yet, as he doesn't propose to pay taxes twice in any one year.

In substantiation of his claim, he says that he came to Montpelier on February 28, 1907, and that he paid his taxes in Montpelier; moreover, doesn't relish enclosing Hardwick's exchequer besides. He had refused the latter's request for payment of the sum and yesterday Sheriff Y. W. Rand journeyed to Montpelier and started to collect. No go. Hence he invited Dave over to Sheriff Tracy's hotel. There Dave permitted himself to be placed in a cell and the key turned to him and freedom. Immediately thereafter he was taken to Sheriff Y. W. Rand, under protest and with the threat to sue the town of Hardwick for \$10,000. He was then released from the hotel.

TAKEN SICK IN JAIL,
PHYSICIAN CALLED

John E. Jones, a Montpelier Printer, Had Been Arrested for Intoxication—Other Cases in Court.

John E. Jones, a printer, who resides in Montpelier, was arrested last evening in Church's lunch cart in a badly intoxicated condition by Officer Carle. This morning Jones was found very sick in his cell at the station and City Physician Dr. Duffy was called to attend him. His condition improved under the physician's care and he will probably be able to appear in court this afternoon. Jones is said to have only recently got out of the hospital at Montpelier. When arrested, he had three pints of clear alcohol in his pockets.

Joseph Ashton was arrested yesterday afternoon in a boarding house on West street by Officer Carle on a warrant. In court this morning Ashton pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and \$15 with cost of \$7.00, which he is endeavoring to raise.

W. B. Minard, who was arrested for intoxication in Barre town on February 29, and whose case was continued to March 16 after he had pleaded not guilty, appeared before Judge Scott as justice of the peace Monday afternoon, and, changing his plea to guilty, paid a fine of \$5 with costs of \$0.38.

TWO CARLOADS OF DANCERS.
From Barre Attended Minstrel Show and Dance at Montpelier.

A large number of people from this city attended the entertainment and dance given by the Elomy minstrels and Gilbertson's orchestra of this city at Montpelier last evening. The affair was given under the auspices of the New England Order of Protection and was an entire success. The minstrel show was the best yet given by the company and the numbers were warmly applauded.

It is expected that arrangements will soon be made for an entertainment to be given by the minstrel under the auspices of Capital City aeris of Hedges at Montpelier.

The Barre people returned at the conclusion of the dance in two special cars.

QUARRY WORKERS WILL
HAVE ANOTHER MEETING

Called to Meet To-morrow Forenoon to Vote on Last Proposition From Owners—Barre Committee to Meet Again.

Because the committee from the manufacturers is to meet the committee from the Waterbury granite cutters' union at Montpelier this afternoon, no meeting of the Barre committee will be held today, but it is expected they will get together to-morrow and try to agree on the matter still in dispute. These are the rate of wages to be paid, the duration of agreement and the Saturday half holiday.

On the request of the International Union Committee, the Quarry Workers' Union at Granville has called a special meeting of the quarry workers in the basement of St. Sylvester's church, Granville, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to vote on the proposition last received from the Quarry Owners' Association. This is the same proposition which the meeting held Monday forenoon failed to take action on.

The regular meeting of the tool sharpeners will be held this evening. After yesterday's meeting of granite cutters had voted to accept the settlement all points on which the two committees had agreed, but that those not agreed on—the scale, duration of bill and Saturday half holiday—be referred back to the committee. Philip Halvosa, editor of the Union Signal, spoke for the strikers in the state industry at Fair Haven. This was followed with a collection at the door, which when counted up amounted to \$70. Coming from a body of men out of work for two weeks, this was something handsome.

The checker players have been having their innings for the past few days, and a tournament has been in progress at Miller's hall, which was to have been concluded yesterday afternoon, but the union meeting at the opera house prevented. The players have entered a protest and hope that in the future all meetings will be arranged so as not to interfere with the games. There was a very interesting game this forenoon of between Farquhar and Cruikshank, the latter winning. They play again this afternoon.

Chess is another game that is receiving some attention, but cards have the greatest number of devotees. There was some expectation that the first week's strategy would be paid today, but the money failed to arrive from Quincy and pay day goes over.

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

Quarry Workers at Waldron Island, Washington, Organized.

A charter numbered 108 was granted yesterday from the headquarters of the Quarry Workers' Union in this city for a branch of the union in Waldron Island, Washington. The local starts with about 100 members.

A regular meeting of Polishers' Branch, G. C. L. A., will be held in their hall, Nichols block, Thursday evening, March 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. W. G. Pirie, Secy.

Notice to Quarry Workers.

Upon the request of the International Union Committee, there will be a special meeting of Branch No. 12, Quarry Workers' International Union of North America, in the basement of St. Sylvester's church on March 19th at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of voting upon the bill of prices reported to said branch by the Graniteville committee on bill of prices on March 16th.

Jesse Miller, Cor. Secy.

CLEANERS HELD SOCIAL.

Played Progressive Whist, Had Dinner and Enjoyed Program.

The regular meeting of the Cleaners club was held in the form of an enjoyable social last evening at the home of Mrs. W. H. Wales of Tremont street. The company played progressive whist until 10 o'clock and then dinner was served.

While not in the form of a St. Patrick's day celebration, the day was remembered and the dining room was decorated with green and white and the dinner was served from green china and in the corner of each of the menu cards was a sprig of shamrock painted in green. On the back of each of the menu cards was a specimen of Irish wit and these were read at the conclusion of the dinner.

The evening was closed with a program consisting of a piano solo by Miss Gertrude Murphy, a reading by Mrs. E. S. Whitcomb, a vocal solo by Miss Kate Mathieson and Irish songs by the club.

DIED IN COLORADO.

John F. Newberg Went There Last August for His Health.

News has been received in this city of the death on Monday night of John F. Newberg at Colorado Springs. The deceased went to Colorado from this city last August for his health, being ill at the time with consumption. His wife and eight young children joined him there last October. He had been a stone cutter here for several years and was a member of the Barre lodge of the New England Order of Protection. It is thought that he will be buried at Colorado Springs.

Besides his family he leaves two brothers, Paul and Otto Friberg, and a sister, Mrs. John Mattson, all of whom reside in this city. He was 42 years of age and born in Sweden. After coming to this country the deceased changed his name from Friberg to Newberg.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRRE.

Lecture on Switzerland by Miss Miss Brown, Universalist church. Annual meeting, Barre Golf club. Social and banquet, Brotherhood of St. Paul, Hedding church. Wonderful pictures, Hale's pavilion. Theatricals, 40 Main st. Bowling match, Barre and Montpelier, Russell's alley.

FIX SALARIES
FOR THE YEAR

City Engineer Gets Increase to \$1,000 a Year

OVERSEER OF POOR TO \$500

Regular Firemen Given One Day Off Each Month—Council Last Night Refused to Order Macadamizing of North Summer Street.

Official salaries were fixed by the city council last evening, and the figures remain the same as last year, with the exception that City Engineer Reed gets a raise from \$1,000 to \$1,100, Overseer of the Poor Shurtleff \$50 additional, making \$500 a year, and George Cook, assistant in the city engineer's department, gets five dollars more a month. The report of the salaries committee was considered in secret session, and when the council emerged, they adopted the list as follows:

Police department: chief \$75 per month, regular patrolmen \$45 per month (two weeks' vacation allowed). Fire department: chief \$80 per month; regular firemen \$60 per month (one day off in month); call firemen \$35 per year; fire alarm superintendent, \$50 a year.

Overseer of poor, \$500 a year. Engineering department: engineer \$1,100 a year; assistant \$45 per month (two weeks' vacation allowed). Water department: superintendent \$1,000 a year (city to furnish team); assistant, Miss LaBounty, \$35 per month (two weeks off). Street department: superintendent \$1,200 (furnish own team). Secretary, board of health, \$150 a year.

The report was signed by Aldermen Thurston, Williams and Alexander.

Several New Officials.

A few new officials were secured last night as follows: pound-keeper, B. P. Willey, confirmed unanimously; board of health, Dr. M. D. Lamb, secretary, William Reid of Church street and A. J. Baldwin, confirmed 5 to 1; food inspector, Dr. F. C. Ligouri, confirmed 5 to 1; third assistant engineer of the fire department, C. W. Emerson, confirmed 5 to 1.

The expected cost of the administration for the coming year was embraced in a resolution copied from a previous report of the finance committee, and the resolution was ordered to a second reading. The committee also voted the weekly payroll of the department, as follows: streets \$146.85, water \$147.75, fire \$72.85, police \$71.81.

Third Ward Street Improvement.

Aldermen Williams of the third ward put up a good fight for street repairs in his ward when he called up a resolution authorizing the macadamizing of Summer street, between Maple avenue and Seminary street, which had been tabled last October, with the understanding at that time that it should be left over until the new council came into office. But he lost the fight, at least temporarily, as the aldermen by a vote of three to four refused to adopt the resolution, and Mayor Robins declined to vote until he had inspected the situation more closely.

In defending the resolution, Alderman Williams said that it looked to him as if the intention was to sidetrack the repairs to that street. Aldermen Thurston and Campbell stated that they thought it would not be wise to authorize the macadamizing of the street until a survey had been made and the street lines established, according to the instructions of a resolution previously adopted. The latter was the final decision, inasmuch as the vote resulted in a tie.

A number of minor matters were transacted by the council: Frank Morandi, George and William, also called the Cook asked for building permits, and the petitions were granted, the first to build addition to house at 83 Smith street, the second to tear down and remove house at 3 South Main street and the third to reshingle house of Elmwood avenue. The street committee refused to grant a permit to the Archambault to erect a sign at the corner of West and Summer streets.

The bonds of Aldermen Alexander and Thurston were accepted; also the bonds of Patrolmen Gamble and Hamel, and of Building Inspector Field. Water Supt. Russell's report on the water supply was read. The property committee was given power to act in the rental of a hall in the old city building to the Pentecostal church, which wants reduced rent, as the light has been cut off by the construction of the Wood addition.

A pound established at Fred A. Slavson's, 19 South Main street. The street committee and city engineer were instructed to look up the petition of residents of Oswald and Ladd streets for a numbering of their houses so that they may have the address. The same committee was given the petition of the Union Telephone company for two extensions. The assessors were authorized to take a few days to get ready for their annual work, and their complaint of the unsanitary condition of the assessor's office was referred to the property committee. The matter of repairs to the old fire station on Prospect street was left with the same committee.